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FOR AMBASSADOR BOWDER FROM MOOSE/HELMAN

1. OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS WILL BE TO ENSURE THAT PROXIMITY TALKS TAKE PLACE IN NEW YORK ON THE BASIS OF THE CONTACT GROUP'S PROPOSAL. WE ASSUME THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY VORSTER, PRIOR TO THE PROXIMITY TALKS, OF A DATE FOR NAMIBIAN ELECTIONS WILL LEAD SWAPO TO REFUSE TO COME TO NEW YORK, CHARGING BAD FAITH ON THE PART OF SOUTH AFRICA AND ON THE PART OF CONTACT GROUP AS WELL.

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2. WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR BEST ADVICE ON WHAT FURTHER STEPS MIGHT BE TAKEN TO PURSUADE VORSTER NOT TO GO AHEAD WITH HIS ANNOUNCEMENT. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON STEPS THE CONTACT GROUP MIGHT TAKE SHOULD IT CONCLUDE THAT VORSTER WILL NOT POSTPONE HIS PRESENT PLANS. FOR EXAMPLE ONE SCENARIO WHICH OCCURS TO US IS BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT

BOTHA (PERHAPS ON WEDNESDAY) WILL CONCUR IN A FEBRUARY DATE

FOR THE TALKS. IN THAT EVENT, THE CONTACT GROUP BY FRIDAY
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AGAINST DOING SO. IF THE SAG CONFIRMS ITS PLANS TO
ANNOUNCE, THE CONTACT GROUP WOULD THEN PUBLISH THE PROPOSAL
PRIOR TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

3. PLEASE REPEAT YOUR VIEWS TO DICK MOOSE IN LONDON. WE
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